

# Pleasantdale PTA Newsletter

*Friday, January 22, 2010*

## *Message from the President*

I hope everyone had a memorable, restful holiday break.

We are currently working hard on the upcoming **PTA Adult Social** being held on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at **Katherine Legge Lodge**. This event is our bi-annual fundraiser and our primary means of raising the funds necessary to support all of Pleasantdale PTA's wonderful programs.

There will be food, entertainment by our own **Mr. Woltman**, and a silent auction. It looks to be a wonderful time for all. **Please attend and support Pleasantdale PTA!**

We are still accepting items for the evening's **silent auction**. Please contact **Sherry Kulhanek** with questions or for donation drop off information at 630-321-9323.

Finally, the **Scholastic Book Fair** is currently being held at the elementary school until January 22nd.

Come and find a great book to curl up with during these cold, snowy days!

**Kelly Hansen,  
President**



### **Executive Committee**

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# READING AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE UPDATE



**WRITE STUFF:** We have kicked off the second half of our Write Stuff year with prompts handed out on January 15th that originated from the creative minds of some of our many Write Stuff participants the last few months. Look for the First/Second Grade prompts inspired by Elise Vorpahl (2B) and Angela Ullrich (1G); and Third/Fourth Grade prompts inspired by Anthony Scardigli (3M) and Anthony Gennett (4B). January Write Stuff essays **are due Friday January 29<sup>th</sup>** and the prompts can be found on our district website (under PTA tab) at [www.d107.org](http://www.d107.org).

**CRITICS CORNER:** Thanks to the 75 elementary students who took time over their winter break to write a critique of a book you read from our critic's list. Due to the overwhelming turnout of "reviews", we randomly selected 20 winners to receive a \$10 "certificate" good towards the purchase of a scholastic book during our Scholastic Book fair that occurred at the Elementary School this week. Be sure to check out the bulletin board outside the library this month to read up on these reviews. Thanks to Cheryl Pilipuf for putting together a beautiful winter bulletin board backdrop showcasing all our writing and artwork this season. Congrats to the following ES Critic's Corner book certificate winners:

Asleigh Schetter- KOS	Joey Dombkowski- KM	Luke Thorell- KK
Megan Prock-KO	Ruba Mostafa- KK	Sarah Dzielski- 2S
Thalir Moorthi- 2SG	Margot Striegel-2SG	Angela Mitevaska-2BR
Andrew Hojjat- 1M	Elias Giannakopolus-2S	Frannie Dreher-1M
Dominic Varchetto-2B	Luke Kelly-2B	Lukas Stankus-1M
Tommy Galateo-3M	Karyssa Labayen-4W	Otto Meccia-4W
Ariana Chiapetta-3B	Maddy Cohen-4D	

**SIX FLAGS SIX HOUR READ TO SUCCEED:** The Elementary School annual reading program sponsored by Weekly Reader and Six Flags is underway as students were handed out their letter/student reading logs on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Students are to complete and record six (6) hours of extracurricular reading over the course of four weeks. **All participants who turn in a PARENT SIGNED student reading log by Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** will receive a ticket in May to a Six Flags Great America theme park good for use this summer. Please mark that due date on your calendars as **NO LATE FORMS CAN BE ACCEPTED!!!** More information on this program and a copy of the student reading log can be found on our website [www.d107.org](http://www.d107.org) under the PTA tab.

**ES READERS NITE:** The ES Readers book selections have recently been announced via a handout from your child's teacher. Our next ES Readers night is **Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Elementary School.** We are fortunate to have the student council helping us broadcast this growing program with posters throughout the school, and we encourage you to have your child/children participate in an hour of fun discussion and snacks facilitated by Pleasantdale staff and parents. If you would like to help out on this evening, please contact Rosaria Becker at [rosariabecker@att.net](mailto:rosariabecker@att.net). ES Readers information can also be found on our website at [www.d107.org](http://www.d107.org) under the PTA tab.

**MS READERS LUNCH:** The second MS Readers Lunch is scheduled to take place midday on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Under the direction of Jana Stelter, students of all grades put together book clubs and have a discussion over a PTA provided lunch with a staff/parent facilitator. We are looking forward to another strong turnout of students after a record number of 148 students participated last October!



**READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK:** Every year Pleasantdale Elementary marks the birthday of Dr. Seuss on March 2<sup>nd</sup> by participating in a nationwide reading celebration for kids. Due to ISAT testing the first two weeks in March, we are planning to celebrate this event with plenty of fun the week of March 15<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months. For more information about Read Across America, check out the website [www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org)

Submitted by Julia Doyle and Rosaria Becker, Co-Chairs

For Questions please email Julia at [max2244@aol.com](mailto:max2244@aol.com) or Rosaria at [rosariabecker@att.net](mailto:rosariabecker@att.net)

***Reminder...please plan to attend!***  
***The Pleasantdale PTA Annual***  
***Fundraising Event***



***Where: The Katherine Legge Lodge***

***When: Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010***

***7 p.m. - midnight***

***Featuring a silent auction & music by Eric Woltman***

***Please see flyers in this Friday Packet to purchase tickets***

***or to make a donation for the auction!***

***This is the cornerstone of the PTA's fundraising efforts!***  
***Your support is invaluable to us! We hope to see you there!***

# Birthday Book Club



A big thank you this month to the following students for their contributions to the Birthday Book Club!

NOAH NEGRON

CHARLIE BREEN

AIDAN VINAJA

JOEY DOMBKOWSKI

PATRICK AKANIROJ

KENDALL CASSIDY

BRENDAN GORMAN

NATASHA VASSEK

MONIKA URBAN

ELIAS GIANNAKOPPULAS

JACK ROHRBACHER

GIANNA IMBARRATO

HAYLEY MIRABILE

GRACE CASTRO

PETER AKANIROJ

MIA PARENTE

GIO CIRONE

THALIR MOORTHI

BRANDON SCHUENEMANN

ANAND YALLAPRAGADA

JEREMY ROHRBACHER

JOSH RICH

OLIVIA RICH

GARRETT SCHWARTZ

PAYTON AKANIROJ

NOAH WITKOWSKI

MADISON HOLT

ARIANA JIOTIS

GWEN KONATAREVIC



## TREASURER'S REPORT

- Alli Gulliver, Treasurer

As of December 31, 2009, the Pleasantdale PTA's cash balance was **\$30,004**. This includes income of **\$5,834** mostly from Santa's Workshop (\$3,607) and Poinsettia Sales (\$1,814). Expenses of **\$6,013** were mostly from Santa's Workshop (\$1,443), Poinsettias (\$1,413) Reading and Literature (\$1,372) and Cultural Arts (\$1,025).

Please note that the Income and Check Requisition Forms are available at each school and online (under the PTA link). Using attachments like Excel or Word to summarize this information is strongly encouraged so that it is easier to submit. In addition, if you have cash as income, you must have a second person count the cash and sign off on the form.

For expense submissions, please remember that sales tax will NOT be reimbursed. Please use the sales tax exempt letter (found at both schools in the PTA Treasurer's folder) when making purchases. Some stores require us to have a card to make tax exempt purchases so please call to arrange getting the card (Sam's Club, Jewel, JoAnne's).

Please allow a minimum of **three days** for check requisitions to be processed. At the end of the year, it may take longer due to busier schedules, so plan accordingly.

The links for the two forms are:

Check Requisition Form:

<http://www.d107.org/media/PTA/forms/PTA%20Check%20Request%20Form%20Final.pdf>

Income Form :

<http://www.d107.org/media/PTA/forms/PTA%20Income%20Form%20Final.pdf>

I would also appreciate an email or phone call if you drop forms off at either school so that I can pick them up from the PTA mail box promptly. Do not leave any deposits that include cash; call me to arrange drop off or pick up.

If you have any questions, please call me at 630-321-9942 or email to [allibabble@aol.com](mailto:allibabble@aol.com). My fax number is 630-321-9943. Thanks very much!

# PTA EVENTS in ....



<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> <i>PTA Board Meeting</i> <i>@ Admin Building</i> <i>7 p.m.</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> <i>PTA ES Readers Meet</i> <i>at 6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>5</i> <i>PTA Adult Social Event</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> <i>PTA Write Stuff #5 at</i> <i>Elementary</i>
<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> <i>PTA Special Lunch</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> <i>PTA Write Stuff #5</i> <i>Due</i>  <i>PTA MS Readers</i> <i>Lunch</i>

## OTHER PTA INFO AND ANNOUNCEMENTS...



**Kathy Thalji** wished to thank all of the individuals who have helped to assemble the **Friday Packet** this past year!

**Lisa Uckerman** wished to thank everyone who helped with **Santa's Luncheon: Tammy White, Karen O'Halloran, Linda Pertrasek, Lisa's Mom! ... and Haley Uckerman (her daughter)**

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